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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

Claims As Amended

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1) by substituting the clean version of the following claims for any previous claim having the same number. A marked-up version of the following claim amendments is attached to this response following the written remarks.

a1 10. (Amended) The absorbent article of claim 3 wherein said first and second absorbents are the same composition.

a2 19. (Amended) The absorbent article of claim 18 wherein said superabsorbent particles contained in each of said first and second absorbents are the same composition.

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a3 (New) An absorbent article, comprising:
a) a liquid permeable liner;
b) a liquid-impermeable baffle;
c) a first absorbent having a predetermined basis weight positioned between said liner and said baffle, said first absorbent being a stabilized material containing a superabsorbent and said first absorbent having a tensile strenght of at least 12 Newtons per 50 millimeters; and
d) a second absorbent having a basis weight which is at least equal to said basis weight of said first absorbent positioned between said first absorbent and said

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